within prescribed radiation tolerances stipulated by EEC countries. Besides, all edible oil consignments are cleared by Port Health Authorities prior to their distribution within the country.

Visit of central study teams to Rajasthan

1796. SHRI JASWANT SINGH:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of the central study teams deputed by Government to visit Rajasthan during the period from August 1987 to February, 1988, for studying the current drought situation in that State;

(b) the expenditure incurred on the visits of these study teams, and by whom;

(c) the findings and recommendations of these study teams;

(d) the recommendations out of the above implemented so far and with what results; and

(e) the recommendations not implemented so far alongwith the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Between August, 1987 and February, 1988 two central study teams visited the State to make an assessment of the drought situation.

(b) While the travelling expenditure of the members of the teams is met by the respective Deptts. of the Government of India, expenditure in relation to fields visits in the affected areas is borne by the State Government.

(c) to (e) Central Teams are sent to the drought affected States for making an assessment of the requirements of Central assistance for relief meaures. The High Level Committee on Relief (HLCR) finalises its recommendations for Central assistance to be approved to the affected States having regard to the report submitted by the Central Teams. In the case of Rajasthan, the Government of India has, on the case of Rajasthan, the Government of India has, on the basis of the recommendations of HLCR, approved ceilings of expenditure of Rs. 215.46 crores upto 31-3-1988 and Rs. 143.62 crores for the period April-June, 1988 for execution of relief measures such as employment generation works, provision of drinking water, provision of supplementary nutrition, etc.

Subsidy on Transportation of Fodder

1797. SHRI JASWANT SINGH:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the central guidelines for transport subsidy on transportation of fodder to the State of Rajasthan, from adjacent States as relief measures for the current drought;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government had announced Rs. 5|50 per head-cattle subsidy for fodder; and

(c) what is the average assistance now being provided by the State of Rajasthan in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Norms of Central assistance for the transportation of fodder during the post-monsoon drught of 1987 provides for re-imbursement of the actual cost incurred by the States on fodder transportation, as given below:—

(i) 75 per cent of the actual cost in the case of transportation of fodder from outside the State;

(ii) 50 per cent of the actual cost in the case of transportation of fodder from within State.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Rs. 3 per cattle in Goshalas and Rs. 4 per cattle in cattle camps are being provided as subsidy; further the entire cost of transportation of fodder is being subsidised.

Oilpalm plantaion

1798. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oilpalm is the world's highest per hectare edible oil yielding crop;

(b) whether oilpalm cultivation is being done in Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar Islands;

(c) if so, what is the area under oilpalm cultivation in Kerala and Assam and Nicobar Islands; and

(d) the quantity of oil actually extracted therefrom during the last three year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The area under oil palm cultivation in Kerala, Andaman and Nicobar Islands is 3705 ha. and 1,593 ha. respectively.

(d) The quantity of palm oil extracted in Kerala during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87 was 538.67 tonnes, 975.45 tonnes and 1263.00 tonnes respectively.

Growth of private colonies in NCR areas

1799. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been mushroom growth of private colonies and land grabbings in Delhi and Haryana borders where development of National Capital Regions is going on, in and around Delhi; and

(b) what steps Government have taken to remove the unauthorised colonies, land grabbings and the real estate business in those areas for full implementation of the National Capital Region plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amendment in the Trade Unions Act

1800. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to bring forth a legislation to reduce the number of persons in the Executive Committee of the trade unions;

(b) what are the other features of the amendment proposd to be brought in the Trade Unions Act; and

(c) if so, by when it would be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) It is proposed to amend the Trade unions Act, 1926 so as to restrict the number of office-bearers from among non-workmen.

(b) The other amendment proposed to be made to the Trade Unions Act, 1926, include *inter alia* registration of a trade union on the basis of a specified percentage of membership; increase in the payment of subscription by members of trade unions; debarring Ministers from becoming office-bearers of trade unions, etc.